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CLAIMS

- 1. Elevator emergency stop device, comprising:
- a guide rail guiding an elevator cage; and
- a wedge-shaped element that effects emergency stop of said elevator cage by frictional force by means of a sliding
- part thereof being pressed against said guide rail,

wherein said wedge-shaped element comprises a mechanism whereby a dimension in the direction perpendicular with respect to faces along which said guide rail and said sliding part slide is changed in accordance with braking force.

- 2. Elevator emergency stop/device according to claim 1, wherein said wedge-shaped element comprises:
- a fixed part having an outside inclined face part of said wedge-shaped element, and
- a wedge-shaped moveable part having said sliding part; said moveable part being moveable along an inside inclined face part of said fixed part and an upper part thereof being engaged with said fixed part by means of a resilient element.
- 3. Elevator emergency stop device according to claim 2, wherein in said wedge-shaped element said fixed part

 25 and said resilient element, and said resilient element and said moveable part are engaged by means of respective

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sliding elements between said resilient element and said moveable element and between said resilient element and said fixed element.

4. Elevator emergency stop/device according to claim 2 or 3,

wherein in said resilient element a relationship between a load and a flexure is such that said flexure is small or zero up to a prescribed load and above said prescribed load said relationship between said load and said flexure is a practically proportional relationship.

5. Emergency stop device according to claim 4, wherein said resilient element comprises a piston in which is sealed gas that is given an initial pressure.